

and the expansion of her fields of labor.

Who will be the first member to *will* a part of his, or her estate toward one or the other of our institutions? It would make wholesome reading for the EVANGELIST to have a report of some one having left a thousand, or five thousand dollars toward the College or the Publishing House or the Mission Board.

WORLDLINESS

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It is said that an eagle, flying over a valley of ice, discovered a carcass upon which it descended and feasted so long that its wings became frozen to the ice. In vain it tried to mount upward. This is a vivid emblem of some professing Christians, they feast so much and so long upon the things of the world that the wings of their soul become so firmly attached to the world that it is most impossible for them to get out of this deplorable condition, and the earnest entreaties of the gospel preacher only seem to aggravate the case. While we are searching for the commandments to render obedience to them let us find these—"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch no unclean thing."

If believers would be obedient to these what a powerful influence they might exert over those who come under the shadow of their Christian character. In this age of vast activity Christians are so liable to become allied with such as are going in the mad rush after the world-wealth, praise of men, theaters and kindred amusements, worldly fashions (for women), intemperance, (in various forms), alliance with worldly societies, etc. If we continually live in the atmosphere of these things which are only found to exist in the world, we must expect to sacrifice that purer, nobler and holy character which God gives to all who will attach themselves to Christ, and attachment to Christ is the secret of detachment from the world. The Jewish high priest was anointed with oil—set apart to a holy work. What one of us, who cleansed by the blood of Jesus and set apart by the Spirit, body, soul and spirit, dare go in the way of the world? "What fellowship have righteousness and iniquity?" What concord hath Christ with Belial? True the Lord Jesus may send us into the world to work for him, but he will keep us there. But if we chose to live there we will soon, oh, very soon decline in spiritual health, "just as the country maiden will lose her bright, healthy color, and show signs of consumption, if she always lives in the stifling atmosphere of the overcrowded room, and amid the unwholesome conditions of life." Worldliness is the cause of the lack of power of so many

churches. It is the cause of half supported mission work, mission boards in debt, church property being sold because of debt, colleges and publishing boards not supported as a result of it. People have money for shows, fairs, gold watches for children, new houses, their *self* satisfied, but thirty-seven cents, the amount asked for missions is "too much."

O! that we might heed the call to a holy, consecrated Christian life, a life that reflects the life of Christ to the world. "Awake and put on thy strength O Zion." Let us try now to look at the world and its allurements, as they will seem in the last moment. It is said if you go to the small streams and watch the flies as they come to bathe in it, you will notice they plunge their bodies into the water, but keep their wings high out of the water, and after swimming about a while, fly away with their wings unwet, thro the sunny air. The lesson is this—Here we are immersed in the cares and business of this world, but let us keep the wings of our soul, our faith, our love, out of the world, that with these unclogged, we may be ready at any time to take our flight to a fairer clime, the paradise of God.

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THANKFULNESS

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There are so many blessings we receive every day for which we should be thankful. We have the beautiful sunshine, the welcome rains, the lovely blue sky and others, which without these we could not exist, and yet how often we hear complaints about the weather, wishing it were so and so, instead of that we should be truly thankful to our heavenly Father that he does not uphold these from us, but he loves us as his own dear children and as a token of his great love sends us these heavenly blessings, and more than that he has blessed us with life, food and raiment, which is another blessing we should be thankful for. Again some are blessed with wealth and some have good health. O, how thankful should those be who enjoy good health. For myself, I've not been in good health for several years, and yet I have many things for which to be thankful. One thing is life, it has been two years since we begun treating, as was supposed my lungs and chest, but did not get entirely relieved, it running on and on until last Sept., I fell to the floor and was carried to bed. I became cold all over, the pain in my left side proved to effect my heart, and I was not safe to be alone. Many a time when I had a spell of the heart, I thought I would have to leave our bright little girl of about nine months now, without a mother, but I am so thankful to God that he has yet spared my life and is improv-

ing my health. Then we should also be thankful to God for hearing and answer-prayer and I feel and have realized that he does hear and answer prayer if we will only come to him in faith believing, and I'm so thankful that we can have that faith. Again we should be thankful for his dear Son, our Savior, and that he has given us the blessed privilege of becoming his children, if we will accept this Savior and take up our cross daily and follow him. O that more would accept him before it is too late. Another thing to be thankful for is the religion of Jesus Christ. There is such a reality in this religion that I do not understand why so many will not accept it.

And then we should be thankful that we have a way thro our ever welcome and interesting church paper to spread this religion. I've sent EVANGELISTS away and got reply, thanking me for same and saying there was real interesting reading in them. Hope they may sow good seed. I've concluded to save this year's numbers for our little daughter, that should I not live to see her come to Christ she may when old enough read and learn about the religion her mother had accepted and trust she may thereby be led to accept this true religion of Jesus Christ and thankful for having read them. There are many more blessings for which we should be thankful, but for fear of becoming tedious will not speak of them.

Astoria, Ill.

Home Circle

To a Usurper

Aha! a traitor in the camp,

A rebel strangely bold—

A lisping, laughing, toddling scamp,
Not more than four years old!

He trots his treason to and fro,

As only babies can,

And says he'll be his mamma's beau
When he's a 'gweat, big man!"

To think that I, who've ruled alone

So proudly in the past,

Should be ejected from my throne

By my own son at last!

But when the years of youth have sped,

The bearded man, I trow,

Will quite forget he ever said

He'd be his mamma's beau.

Renounce your treason, little son,

Leave mamma's heart to me;

For there will come another one

To claim your loyalty.

And when that other comes to you,

God grant her love may shine

Thro all your life, as fair and true

As mamma's does thro mine.

—Eugene Field.

Why He Disobeyed

The following true incident is from the lips of Captain Henry H. Ayer of the Third Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers:

"We were lying on Morris Island, that God forsaken pl. ce, digging trenches, watch-